less or unseasonable. And now, having so fit an opportunity, I could most willingly expatiate in the large field of your Lordship's praise, both that I might do an act.of justice to yourself, and provoke others to your imitation. But I am sensible, that as no eloquence, less than that of your own, could be fit for such a performance; so the noble-ness and generosity of your spirit is such, that you take much more pleasure in doing praiseworthy thing's, than in hearing the repeated echoes of them. Wherefore, instead of pursuing encomiums, which would be the least pleasing to yourself, I shall offer up my prayers to Almighty God, for the continuation of your Lordship's life and health ; that so his Majesty may long have such a loyal subject and wise counsellor; the church of England such a worthy patron; the High Court of Chancery such an oracle of impartial justice; and the whole nation such a pattern of virtue and piety. Which shall ever be the hearty desire of, '

MY LORD, Your

Lordship's most humble,

and

Most affectionate

servant, **R.**

**CUDWORTH.**